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Subject: EPA - State Feedback Survey Report

Attachments: EPA_State Feedback Survey Report_Sep2018.pdf

Colleagues,

I want to thank you again for taking time to provide EPA with your valuable feedback via the survey we shared with you earlier in the year. We have taken the time to read your responses, consider your suggestions, and identify recommendations to better support you and your water programs. In particular, we are committing to:

- Further supporting programs identified as high-priority by states, including TMDL implementation, groundwater protection, agriculture, reuse/recycling, wastewater and stormwater permitting and financing, and source water protection.
- Following up with a conversation with programs that received a low rating, to identify improvements needed.
- Leveraging EPA and other resources to support state training needs.
- Exploring options to propose a biennial state-EPA Water Directors summit.
- Streamlining grant reporting for programs where requirements are overly burdensome.
- Reconsidering our ability to offer in-kind contract assistance to support state programs.

I hope you find the attached report useful and please let me know if you have any additional comments.

Best Regards,

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